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Mr. William P. Reilly, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency,
401 M St., SW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Reilly:

Recently I was asked to write to you to ask you to move toward approval of the Ethyl Corp.'s gasoline additive HiTEC. I am writing instead to ask you NOT to approve it or any other additive that contains manganese without very careful consideration of the effects on human beings of too much manganese in their systems.

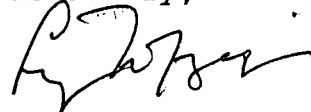
In recent years an independent oil man named Everett "Red" Hodges of Orange County, Calif. began studying the effects of large amounts of manganese, which as you know is an essential trace mineral, on humans. His interest arose out of the senseless, unprovoked and near fatal beating of his son by a gang of young hoodlums.

He has developed overwhelming evidence that excessive manganese in a person's system can be a significant cause of violent behavior by that person. He has made some of his findings available to people in your agency as well as to people in the Justice Dept.

One of those in your agency familiar with the work he has done is Peggy Harlow Knight. She will confirm to you, by the way, that I am not a nut. Indeed, I would not even classify myself as an environmentalist. This, however, is not a matter of saving spotted owls; it is a matter of saving lives and reducing violent crime.

I urge you strongly to look carefully at Mr. Hodges' findings before taking any action in the HiTEC case. If you find they have merit, then I would hope you would check to see if the use of HiTEC results in significant increases of manganese in the air and act accordingly.

sincerely,



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